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A LONG TIME AGO, IN FAR AWAY KINGDOM
THERE CAME A GREAT PLAGUE, THAT
BURNED THE FLESH, BOILED THE BLOOD,
AND LEFT COUNTLESS HUNDREDS DEAD.

UNTIL, FINALLY, THE INHABITANTS OF THE
KINGDOM DID WHAT ALL DOOMED PEOPLE
DO EVENTUALLY, THEY TURNED TO GOD

A TRAVELING PRIEST APPEARED IN
THE LAND. HE WALKED AMONG THE
SICK AND DYING, BUT THE PLAGUE DID
NOT HARM HIM FOR IT WAS SAID HE
HAD BEEN TOUCHED BY THE DIVINE.

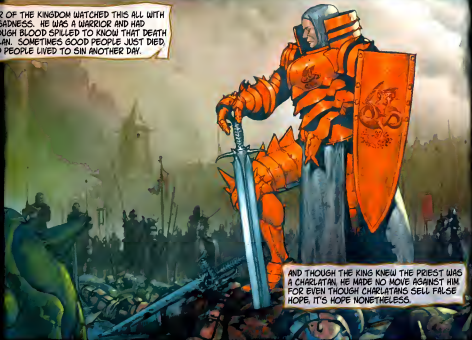
SEEING THIS, THE LORDS OF THE KING-
DOM CAME TO THE HOLY MAN, BEGGING
FOR HIS HELP. AND HE AGREED TO
GIVE IT TO THEM, FOR A PRICE.

IT BEGAN SIMPLY, A FEW GOLD COINS
BOUGHT YOU A PRAYER, AND FOR A
HANDFUL MORE THE PRIEST WOULD
LAY HIS BLESSED HANDS UPON YOU.

SOME OF THOSE THE HOLY MAN HELPED
SURVIVE WERE SEEN AS MIRACLES, AS FOR
THE OTHERS THAT DIED, WELL, THEY MUST
HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG,
SOMETHING TO ANGER THE ALMIGHTY.

AND AS THE PRIEST'S FOLLOWING GREW, HE BEGAN TO
DESIRE MORE THAN WEALTH. HE WANTED POWER.

THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM WATCHED THIS ALL WITH A GREAT SADNESS. HE WAS A WARRIOR AND HAD SEEN ENOUGH BLOOD SPILLED TO KNOW THAT DEATH HAD NO PLAN. SOMETIMES GOOD PEOPLE JUST DIED, WHILE BAD PEOPLE LIVED TO SIN ANOTHER DAY.



AND THOUGH THE KING KNEW THE PRIEST WAS A CHARLATAN, HE MADE NO MOVE AGAINST HIM FOR EVEN THOUGH CHARLATANS SELL FALSE HOPE, IT'S HOPE NONETHELESS.

THE KING WAS BELOVED, BUT HIS QUEEN WAS NOT. SHE HAD BEEN SENT FROM A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY TO SEAL A PEACE TREATY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM STILL VIEWED HER WITH DISTRUST.

THE PRIEST SAW THIS AND USED IT TO HIS ADVANTAGE. HE BEGAN TO PREACH OF LILITH, MOTHER OF DEMONS, EVE, WHO COST MANKIND PARADISE, AND OTHER WOMEN WHO HAD SEDUCED MEN AND CAUSED GREAT SUFFERING



AFTER ALL, EVERY PLAGUE HAS A CAUSE, AND IF THAT CAUSE IS NOT SPIRITUAL PERHAPS IT'S SOMETHING ELSE, SOMETHING THAT MAY LOOK BEAUTIFUL, BUT HAS A SOUL AS BLACK AS SATAN'S OWN.

AND AS THE BODIES PILED UP, AND FEAR GREW, EVEN THE WISEST OF MEN BEGAN NODDING AT THESE SERMONS. THUS REBELLION WAS SOWN.

THEY STRUCK WHILE THE KING WAS AWAY ON A HUNT. A HUNDRED TOWNSPEOPLE STORMED THE CASTLE AND TOOK THE QUEEN SCREAMING FROM HER BED.

SHE WAS BROUGHT TO THE PRIEST WHO TORE OFF HER CLOTHES AND POINTED TO VARIOUS MARKS ON HER BODY WHICH, HE SAID, WERE SIGNS OF THE DEVIL. PROOF SHE WAS A WITCH.

THE QUEEN WAS BURNED AT THE STAKE, AND AS FLAMES CONSUMED HER FLESH THE HOLY MAN CRIED OUT THAT NOW THE PLAGUE WOULD END, THAT THE WITCH, AND THE KINGDOM, HAD BEEN PURIFIED BY FIRE.


WHEN THE KING RETURNED AND SAW THE REMAINS OF HIS CASTLE AND THE CHARRED CORPSE OF HIS WIFE, HE FELL TO HIS KNEES.

OVERCOME BY SORROW AND RAGE, HE BEGGED GOD FOR GUIDANCE. BUT GOD, AS IS HIS HABIT, WAS SILENT.


SO THE KING LOOKED INSIDE HIMSELF AND, BECAUSE MAN IS AN ANIMAL AT HEART, SAW HIS SOUL SCREAMING FOR BUT ONE THING: VENGEANCE.

THE KING BEGGED HIS SUBJECTS TO FORSAKE THE PRIEST, BUT THEY WERE TOO DRUNK ON POWER AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THAT. THEY CALLED THEIR RULER A WEAK, EASILY MANIPULATED FOOL.

AND THEY WERE RIGHT, THE KING KNEW THAT NOW HE WAS A FOOL TO HAVE LET HIS SUBJECTS BECOME SO CORRUPTED BY A MAN WHO WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A BANDIT IN VESTMENTS.



BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE STILL HIS PEOPLE, IT WAS HIS DUTY TO CURE THAT CORRUPTION WITH THE ONLY MEDICINE HE'D NEVER SEEN FAIL: THE SWORD.



FILLED WITH UNNATURAL FURY, THE KING CAME DOWN UPON THEM. HIS BLADE PIERCED THE PRIEST'S HEART AND CUT THROUGH THE REST OF HIS SUBJECTS LIKE A SCYTHE THROUGH SUMMER WHEAT.

NOT UNTIL EVERYONE, MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD, LAY DEAD DID THE RULER'S BLOOD-LUST FADE. HE STOOD AMID THE DESTRUCTION AND GORE, THEN RAISED HIS BLADE AND DROVE IT INTO HIS OWN THROAT.

THE KING DIED WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE, FOR IN THAT LAST MOMENT HE REALIZED THAT HE HAD ENDED THE PLAGUE: ALL IT COST WAS HIS KINGDOM.


BUT OUR STORY DOESN'T END THERE.




TIME FLOWED ONWARD. TECHNOLOGY
ADVANCED AND, EVENTUALLY, PLAGUES
VANISHED. BUT WAR REMAINED.

FOR CENTURIES FIGHTING
RAGED ACROSS THE
GLOBE, AND TOO MANY DIED
BEFORE PAX REGNUM WAS
FORMED; THE EMPIRE OF
PEACE WHICH USHERED IN A
GOLDEN AGE FOR HUMANITY.

IT DIDN'T LAST.




FIVE YEARS AGO A YOUNG GIRL IN BRAZIL WENT ON A
KILLING SPREE, SLITTING TWO DOZEN THROATS BEFORE
SHE WAS GUNNED DOWN. THAT CHILD WAS JUST THE FIRST
REPORTED CASE OF PSYCHIC POSSESSION. AND THOSE
THAT FOLLOWED MADE HER LOOK LIKE AN AMATEUR.



THIS NEW PLAGUE WASN'T A VIRUS. IT WAS
SOMETHING NEW. SCIENTISTS CALLED
THEM PULSES; THEY WERE PSYCHIC PARASITES
THAT TURNED NORMAL PEOPLE INTO
MONSTERS. THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO
CURE. NO PLAN. ALL THEY HAD WAS ME.

MY NAME IS YASRIO, IN MY TIME I'VE BEEN
A MURDERER, SPY, PATRIOT, TRAITOR,
AND NOW I LEAD A HANDPICKED TEAM
THAT HUNTS AND KILLS PULSES.

JAEMINAE WAS MY FIRST RECRUIT, A GIFTED
EMPATH, SHE WAS RAISED BY A DOOMSDAY
CULT CALLED THE THANATU. JAEMINAE WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR MESSIAH, BUT SHE
DIDN'T WANT THE JOB. CAN YOU BLAME HER?

A woman with dark hair and a red headband, wearing a red off-the-shoulder dress, stands next to a blue and black cyborg woman. They are in a gothic-style interior with a large arched window in the background.

BAENSHE WAS NEXT, THE PRODUCT OF A MILITARY BLACK BAG PROGRAM. SHE HAS BEEN BICENGINEERED INTO THE MOST LETHAL WARRIOR ON THE PLANET, AND SHE KNOWS IT.

THEN CAME MOEK, A SURVIVOR OF PULSE POSSESSION WHO IS STILL HAUNTED BY THE EXPERIENCE, AND WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO SAVE OTHERS FROM HIS FATE.

AND FINALLY THERE'S TRAP, A GENIUS WITH A GUN, IF A BIT SLOW EVERYWHERE ELSE. BUT THERE ARE TIMES YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO WILL SHOOT FIRST, AND ASK QUESTIONS NEVER.

MARKETING DUBBED US PHOEBIA, AND TOGETHER WE'RE SAVING THE WORLD, ONE MONSTER AT A TIME.

AT LEAST, THAT'S THE PLAN. STILL, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK BACK TO THAT LONG AGO KINGDOM.

THE PRIEST DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE, HE JUST WANTED MONEY AND POWER. BUT HE WAS STILL ABLE TO GIVE THEM HOPE.

THE KING LOVED HIS PEOPLE, BUT IN THE END THE ONLY WAY HE COULD SAVE THEM WAS TO DESTROY THEM.

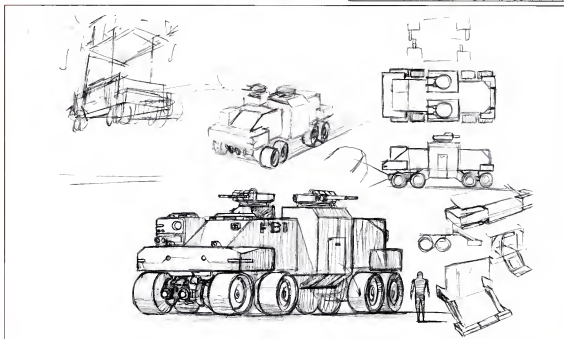
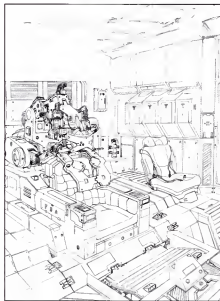
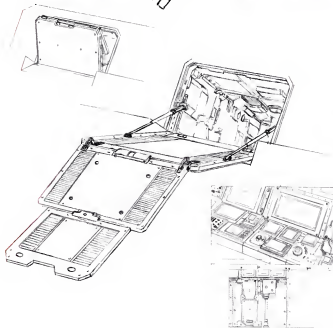
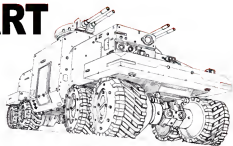
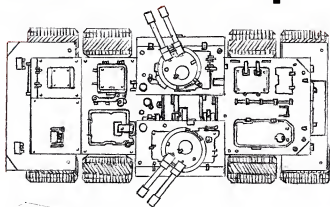
A group of characters in a futuristic setting. On the left, two men in tactical gear with 'FBI' on their vests. In the center, a blue cyborg woman. On the right, a woman with green hair and a man with sunglasses.

I WONDER WHICH WE ARE? CAN WE STOP THIS PLAGUE, AND IF WE DO, WILL THERE BE ANYTHING LEFT THAT WAS WORTH SAVING?

SEE, THIS STORY ISN'T A FAIRY TALE; IT'S THE REAL WORLD.

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Character Establishment of

PHOBIA



Humanity is evil.

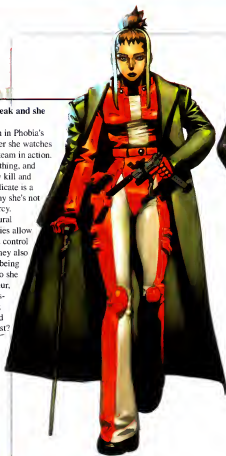
Vasrio doesn't just believe that, he knows it. Vasrio looked into the soul of mankind, and saw it was black. He had tasted peace and would let nothing take it from him. Nothing. Now, as leader of the Phobia team, it is Vasrio's job to hunt and eliminate the Pulses wherever they might be. He will sacrifice anything to prevent a return to the carnage he saw as a young man. Even if that means giving up his own life.

DOCTOR VASRIO JAEMINAE TAEP BAENSHE HOEK DOCTOR VASRIO JAEMINAE TAEP HOEK

JAEMINAE

Jaeminae is weak and she knows it.

From her perch in Phobia's command center she watches the rest of the team in action. She sees everything, and every host they kill and Pulse they eradicate is a reminder of why she's not with them: mercy. Jaeminae's natural empathic abilities allow her to read and control the team, but they also keep her from being one of them. So she remains a voyeur, constantly questioning herself: What if she had to destroy a host?

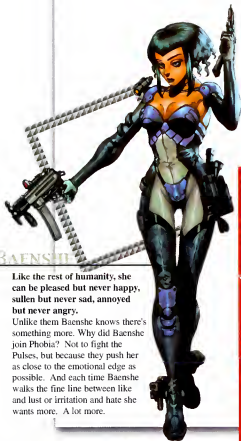


The first time Taep saw Vasrio was at graduation.

Taep had just completed basic training at The Academy, best in his class, and Vasrio was evaluating the newly minted officers. He walked down the line staring each in the eye and, one by one, they turned away.

Except Taep, he not only didn't turn away, he smiled, and Vasrio smiled back. Taep has molded himself into the perfect warrior, with unflinching faith in Vasrio and his team.



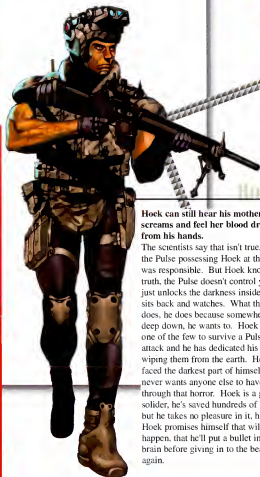


BAENSHE

Like the rest of humanity, she can be pleased but never happy, sullen but never sad, annoyed but never angry.

Unlike them Baenshe knows there's something more. Why did Baenshe join Phobia? Not to fight the Pulses, but because they push her as close to the emotional edge as possible. And each time Baenshe walks the fine line between like and lust or irritation and hate she wants more. A lot more.

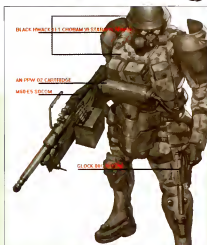
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HOEK

Hoek can still hear his mother's screams and feel her blood dripping from his hands.

The scientists say that isn't true, that the Pulse possessing Hoek at the time was responsible. But Hoek knows the truth, the Pulse doesn't control you, it just unlocks the darkness inside then sits back and watches. What the host does, he does because somewhere, deep down, he wants to. Hoek was one of the few to survive a Pulse attack and he has dedicated his life to wiping them from the earth. He has faced the darkest part of himself and never wants anyone else to have to go through that horror. Hoek is a good soldier, he's saved hundreds of lives, but he takes no pleasure in it, he can't. Hoek promises himself that will never happen, that he'll put a bullet in his brain before giving in to the beast again.



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PHOBIA

Classified

PHOBIA is the name of the Special Forces team that hunts Pulses, eradicating them whenever and wherever they appear. VASRIO, a calculating ex-soldier leads the unit. JAEMINAE is his right hand and tactical aide. HOEK, a Pulse survivor acts as the team's triggerman, responsible for the elimination of hosts. TAEK, the perfect warrior, is their field leader. While BAENSHE, an emotion addict, runs point, clearing a path for the rest.

When a mysterious explosion rocks the INZEN research facility, home to the most advanced bio and nanotechnology on the planet, the authorities are quick to seal off the area and call in Phobia. The team is ordered to detonate a low yield nuclear bomb inside the facility. The job makes Vasrio uneasy. With satellite surveillance blocked and communication lines down, once his men are inside they'll be totally cut off. It could be a suicide mission. Add to that the fact his superiors refuses to detail the nature of the blast, and Vasrio is left to wonder whether there are really Pulses involved, or if Phobia is being sent to cover up for a government action that went wrong—or right.

But even with doubts, Vasrio knows they have a job to do. He just hopes a few of them survive.

DOCTOR

AWK DOCTOR VASRIO JAEMINAE TAEP BAENSHE



RETURN OF KUNDUN

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...with the hosts of heaven vanquished and Lugard the Creator put to the sword, Secneum Prince of Shadows turned his attention to the world of men.

TO MU.



He drew together an army of monsters that laid waste to the continent; toppling cities, burning fields and murdering all who stood in its path.



The three great nations of Lorencia, Noria and Arukar rose up to against the god...

Only to be destroyed.



And as Secneum's dark hand closed over the world, most resigned themselves to enslavement, death or worse.

Most, but not all



In the end it fell to two powerful wizards--once enemies, now united against a common foe--to push back the darkness.

And Etramu Renos.

Kundun Mephis



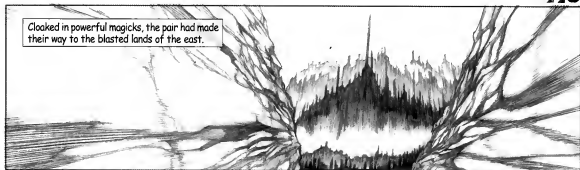
WHAT IS THAT?

THE FORESTS OF NORIA, THEY'RE BURNING.

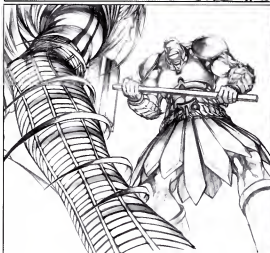


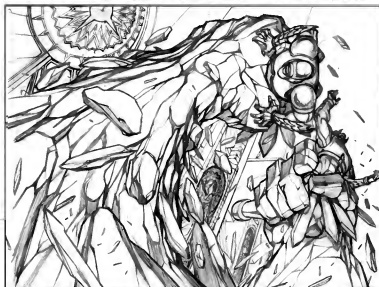
THE ELVES HAVE FALLEN.











WELL ETRAMU,
THAT'S THE PROBLEM
WITH SAVING
THE WORLD, IT RARELY
GOES ACCORDING
TO PLAN.

For the two great mages had discovered the
secret to defeating the Prince of Shadows.

They knew he could not be
killed, but he could be...

He could be...



What's MU?

The continent of Mu is home to great warriors, powerful wizards, mysterious elves and gruesome monsters, living in precarious balance. But when a long forgotten evil returns, the world is plunged into chaos. As bloodstained armies march through the land and nations burn, it falls to a most unlikely hero to save the world: a librarian. Based on Webzen's popular role-playing game, Mu is epic fantasy in the tradition of Tolkien, Jordan and Martin.

Heed these words ye wise man!
A day shall come
Upon which the soil shall 8 stars be affixed,
Nightmare's Day shall it be called
When Heaven's rays divide the sky and
Echoing wails ring in the Valley of Death,
And a light will come down upon this land from the world once forgotten.

- Excerpt from 'Nightmare's Day', of the Great Prophecy [the Secromicon] -

<http://www.muonline.com/>

MU characters



ICARUS ESTRO

A wizard and scholar, Icarus has devoted his life to the study of the Sekronomicon, the chronicle of the thousand-year-old battle between Secneum and the united kingdoms of Lorencia, Arukar and Noria. Estro led a quiet, dull life until he discovered something while translating the ancient text—something that could shake the world. It was always assumed Kundun and Etramu had killed Secneum, but they hadn't, they'd just imprisoned him, and his prison is weakening. Now, Icarus must rally the forces of Mu before it's too late, but the question is: will anyone believe a mere librarian? And if they don't, how many will die when the dark god's armies return and the continent burns?

HILLA



ZACK

The orphaned son of a murdered knight, Zak has traveled Mu on his own since he was a child, taking what he needed by stealth or force. Still, the dim memories of his noble father remain, and deep down Zak knows he's meant for more than the life of a petty thief. But when the chance to be part of something larger, the chance to save the world comes along will he be able to seize it? Or will his father's enemies get to him first?



Issue 1 Synopsis

Long ago the dark god Secneum came to Mu, destroying all who stood in his path. Only the daring of two heroic wizards stopped him, together they defeated his armies and saved the world. Now, a thousand years later, a scholar has discovered that the shadow lord's prison is weakening; Secneum is coming back. But can a simple librarian convince the feuding nations of Mu to band together? Or is it already too late?

SECNEUM

The first creature molded by Lugard, Creator of the Universe, the dark god Secneum fought his father tooth and nail from that day onward. The forces of good and evil waged war on the celestial battlefield for centuries until, in the end, Secneum's shadow armies won. Now, with Lugard dead, the dark god has turned his attention to the world of men, to Mu. His monstrous battalions march across the land, burning entire nations and slaughtering all who cross his path. Secneum has not come to conquer: he has come to destroy. And even if he can be stopped, his brutality will haunt men's dreams for a thousand years.

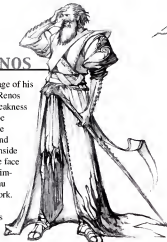


KUNDUN MEPHIS

A brilliant general and master magician, Kundun has led the fight against Secneum since his arrival on Mu. Early in the war Mephis handed the dark god's armies their first defeat at Yavil's Maw—their first and their last. Since that day Secneum's forces have crushed all who dare oppose them. Now, with Mu on the brink of defeat, it falls to Kundun and his friend Etramu Renos to mount one last strike deep into the heart of the enemy, where the great warrior will make the ultimate sacrifice.

ETRAMU RENOS

The most accomplished mage of his generation, it was Etramu Renos who saw Secneum's one weakness and realized how it could be exploited, how Mu could be saved. But to do that, he and Kundun must travel deep inside the shadow lands and come face to face with the dark god himself. And even then, Etramu isn't sure if his plan will work. Or if, in the end, he'll be strong enough to do what is necessary to save the world.



ANTONIAS KALAIN

The emperor of Lorencia and would-be ruler of the world a thousand years after the exploits of Etramu and Kundun,

Antonias is a brave man whose ample ego was forged by countless victories on the battlefield. But now, with his power at its height, Kalain is having second thoughts, not only about himself, but about those around him, and just how trustworthy they are. After all, even the greatest warrior can be killed by a knife in the back from a man he thought was his friend.



REMULIA

Antonias's consort and chief advisor, Remulia has guided him to the throne of Lorencia and beyond. But her own past is shrouded in mystery, raising some to wonder just what she hopes to gain from her association with the king. And, more importantly, what her help will cost Antonias in the end.



Ghostface

Art by Min Woo

Dialogue by Jay Dorovian

RUMORS ARE SURFACING IN THE OLD UNITY KINGDOM OF A CRUEL KILLER WHO WALKS THE SOIL, ALONE AND WITH NO PRESS HIS NAME IS GHOSTFACE. WARRIORS FROM ACROSS THE LANDS SEEK OUT GHOSTFACE FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS: TO KILL HIM OR TO HIRE HIM.

WHO WILL SEE GHOSTFACE AS A CURSE? WHO WILL SEE HIM AS SALVATION AND WHO WILL SEE HIM AS THE DEVIL HIMSELF? AND IN THE FAR DISTANCE, A SECRETIVE GROUP CONTINUES THEIR WATCH UPON GHOSTFACE. WHEN GHOSTFACE CROSSES THE FOREBODING CRYING FIELDS, HE FINDS FOUR WARRIORS READY TO ENGAGE HIM.

WHAT DRIVES THESE WARRIORS TO COMPETE FOR THE FAVOR OF GHOSTFACE? TO WHAT END WILL THEY GO TO UTILIZE GHOSTFACE FOR THEIR MEANS, AND CAN THEY KNOW THAT EVEN THEY WILL WALK AWAY UNSCATHED BY THE CHARGE THAT WILL NO DOUBT FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF...GHOSTFACE.

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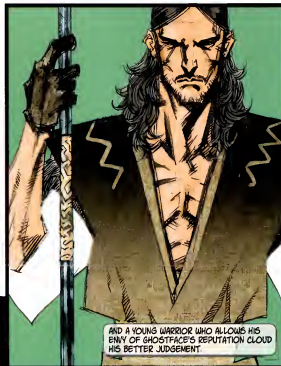
A DISENCHANTED NOBLE WHO SEEKS GHOSTFACE'S DEFEAT TO ELEVATE THE RANK THAT HIS DISGRACED FAMILY ONCE HELD.



AN OLD WARRIOR, PAST HIS PRIME, WHO LOOKS TO GHOSTFACE TO END HIS SORRY, DRUNKEN DAYS.



A HOLY MONK WHO BELIEVES A REVELATION THAT GHOSTFACE MUST DIE IN ORDER TO AVERT A MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS.



AND A YOUNG WARRIOR WHO ALLOWS HIS ENVY OF GHOSTFACE'S REPUTATION CLOUD HIS BETTER JUDGEMENT.



KASATER, THE ANGEL DOLL, A GUARDIAN CREATED AT THE BIRTH OF TIME, SEARCHES FOR A PRINCE THAT REVEALS THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE PAST. HE HOPES TO LEARN THE INTUITS OF HIS MASTER, NOT KNOWING HIS CREATOR WANTS HIM DEAD AND THAT THE PRINCE IS A PORTAL BETWEEN HEAVEN AND THE FALL OF RELIGIOUS MEANING. THIS EPIC STORY WILL SURPRISE MANY.

ANGEL DOLL

Art by Silverstar S
Dialogue by James Hudnall



A BELL RINGER AND A HORRIBLE DEATH SETS THE STAGE FOR WHAT IS TO COME. KASATER, THE ANGEL DOLL, IS TRYING TO PROTECT A MAN FROM MYSTERIOUS DEVILS, BUT HER PAST WANTS HER AND SHE IS SOON MADE TO SUFFER.







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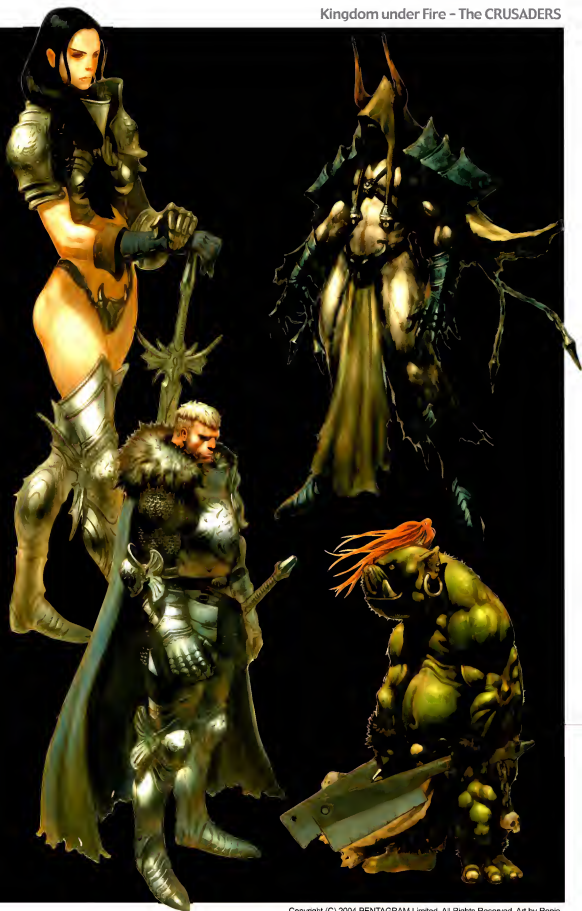
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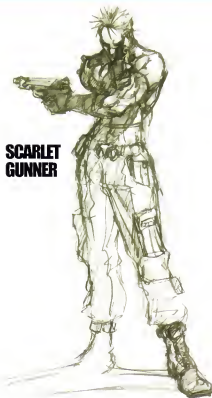












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In the wake of a bloody, planet-wide war, mankind stood united and completely at peace for the first time in history. Then the Pulses came. Sentient psychic parasites that rampaged across the globe, turning those they possessed into monsters. No one knew if they had just appeared, or if they'd been around forever, but one thing is certain; they have to be stopped.

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